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In its Ninety-third Annual Session, Held with the Bethlehem Baptist Church October 6, 7, and 8, A. D. 1899.

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## OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—E. A. Bates, Bates Mill, Miss.
CLERK—E. Gardner, Smithdale, Miss.,
TREASURER—S. B. Robinson, Liberty.

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## NEXT MEETING:

TIME—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1900.
Place—New Salem, Franklin County, Miss.

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SEMI-WEEKLY GAZETTE,
MAGNOLIA, MISS.

# PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Bethlehem Church, Amite Co., Miss., Oct. 6, 1899.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day in its ninety-third annual session with Bethlehem church, and was called to order at 11 a. m. by E. A. Bates, the former moderator.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. P. Culpepper.

H. H. Ratcliff and Chas. Hooper were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the various churches were presented and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel—L. T. Neyland.

Bethlehem—E. C. Lea, D. P. Taylor.

Concord—J. Q. Jones, J. E. Williams.

Ebenezer—G. T. Dunn, R. D. J. Smith, P. P. McCoy.

Eastfork—J. H. Lane, J. R Baham, W. K. Anderson, T. J. J. Spurlock, H. D. Sandifer.

Galilee—J. P. Culpepper, E. B. McLain, H. H. Ratcliff, M. B. Robinson.

Gillsburg—T. C. Schilling, Chas. Hooper.

Hopewell—D. D. Rollins, T. J. Scott.

Hebron—J. J. Walker, J. S. Barron.

Liberty—S. B. Robinson, W. H. Causey.

Mars Hill—T. R. Pate, Edgar Godbold, J. J. Terrell, Geo. K. Walker, E. Gardner.

Mt. Olive—W. E. Young.

Mt. Zion—C. P. Jones.

Mt. Pleasant—T. P. Stewart.

New Salem—W. T. Wooten, Henry Ballard.
New Hope—Represented by letter only.
New Providence—Ardry Toler.
New Zion—R. J. Stewart.
Ramah—Z. Lofton.
Sarepta—Not represented.
Siloam—C. C. Cole.
Whitestown—C. L. Myers.

Pigot Lea delivered an address of welcome to the Association in behalf of Bethlehem church, which was replied to by Edgar Godbold.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Associational sermon was preached by E. Gardner.

The following messengers were received:

Yazoo Association—J. B. Lawrence.
Fair River Association—H. D. Scarborough.
Carey Association—H. S. Archer.
Bogue Chitto Association—D. M. Huff.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Finance—H. H. Ratcliff, J. S. Barron, Henry Ballard.
Plan of Work—S. B. Robinson, J. E. Lea, D. J. Taylor.
Sunday Schools—T. J. J. Spurlock, J. J. Walker.
Ministerial Education—Chas. Hooper.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Bethlehem church.
Minister's Relief Fund—E. B. McLain, W. Z. Lea.
Woman's Work—W. K. Anderson, J. P. Culpepper.
Mississippi College—J. B. Lawrence, Edgar Godbold, G. T. Dunn.
Discipline—T. C. Schilling, C. P. Jones, W. E. Young.
Nominations—J. R. Baham, J. Q. Jones.
Pastoral Support—H. H. Ratcliff, Ardry Toler, Henry Ballard.
Baptist Orphanage—H. S. Archer, W. H. Causey, W. T. Wooten.

Temperance—J. J. Walker, T. P. Stewart.

Work among the Negroes—J. H. Lane, C. L. Meyers, Henry Ballard.

Missions—J. P. Culpepper, W. Everett, J. J. Terrell.

Obituaries—D. D. Rollins, C. C. Cole, T. J. Scott, R. D. J. Smith.

Religious Literature—D. M. Huff, M. B. Robinson.

## APPORTIONMENT.

Apportiontment—One delegate from each church.

The following messengers were appointed:

To Carey Association—S. H. Thompson, J. P. Culpepper.

To South Mississippi Association—J. R. Baham, W. K. Anderson.

Homochitto (Col.) Association—J. P. Culpepper.

To Mississippi River Association—T. C. Schilling.

To Bogue Chitto Association—J. H. Lane, J. J. Walker, T. C. Schilling.

To Fair River Association—Z. Lofton, Henry Ballard.

To State Convention—J. J. Walker, J. H. Lane, T. C. Schilling, Chas. Hooper, E. Gardner, G. M. Anderson, T. J. J. Spurlock, J. R. Baham, W. K. Anderson.

On motion J. J. Walker was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and W. K. Anderson alternate.

The Sunday School Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, requested this Association to insert the advertisement of their literature, free of cost to the Board. On motion the request was granted.

The delegates were assigned homes and the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 next day.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Z. Lofton.

J. H. Lane read the following resolution and it was adopted by the Association:

To the Hon. F. A. McLain and the Hon. Pat Henry:

We, the Mississippi Baptist Association now in session, do hereby most respectfully ask you, as our congressmen, to use your splendid ability to secure the prompt expulsion of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, the avowed polygamist and covenant breaker, from Congress.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the committee on Religious Literature was read by D. M. Huff, and adopted by the Association. Appendix A.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by H. H. Ratcliff and adopted. Appendix B.

The report on Missions was read by J. P. Culpepper and adopted. Appendix C.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order and prayer was offered.

On motion it was decided that this body request the State Board to supplement the salary of the pastor of Mt. Pleasant church to the amount of forty dollars ($40.00), and the Executive committee was instructed to make the request.

The report on Temperance was read by J. J. Walker and adopted. Appendix D.

The report on Work among the Negroes was read by J. H. Lane and adopted. Appendix E.

The report on Mississippi College was read by J. B. Lawrence and adopted. Appendix F.

The report on Finance was read by H. H. Ratcliff and adopted. Appendix G.

The report on Woman's Work was read by J. P. Culpepper and adopted. Appendix H.

A collection was taken for Bro. S. H. Thompson amounting to five dollars and seventy cents ($5.70).

The report on Plan of Work was read by S. B. Robinson and adopted. Appendix I.

The Treasurer's report was read by E. Gardner. Ap-

pendix J.

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Sunday at 10 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting conducted by J. R. Baham.

11 a. m., Preaching in the house by J. B. Lawrence, and preaching in the grove at same hour by H. S. Archer.

2 p. m., Preaching in the house by J. M. Cook. Collections for missions to follow each sermon.

The report on Ministers Relief Fund was read by W. Z. Lea and adopted, Appendix K.

Adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. Sunday.

THIRD DAY.

Mass meeting conducted by J. R. Baham. The report on Sunday schools was read by T. J. J. Spurlock. Appendix L.

At 11:30 a. m. J. B. Lawrence preached in the house and H. S. Archer in the grove. Collections were taken for missions.

On motion it was decided to finish the business of the Association and adjourn Sunday afternoon.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by T. P. Stewart.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Chas. Hooper and adopted. Appendix L.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by H. S. Archer and adopted. Appendix M.

The report on Obituaries was read by D. D. Rallins and adopted. Appendix N.

P. R. Jones read a letter from a small church in Bolivar county asking for help to build a house of worship. Each church in the Association is requested to send one dollar for this purpose.

The report on Discipline was read by T. C. Schilling and adopted. Appendix P.

The report on Nominations was read by J. R. Baham and adopted. Appendix Q.

The report on Apportionment was read by R. J. Stewart and adopted. Appendix R.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Association is hereby extended to Bethlehem church and community for their hospitality.

RESOLVED: That the treasurer be instructed to pay the clerk $20 for his services.

RESOLVED: That the next session of this body begin on the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1900.

On motion the Association adjourned. The exercises closed with prayer.

E. A. BATES, Moderator.

E. GARDNER, Clerk.

# APPENDICES.

## A—RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

A nation's character is shown by the songs the nation sings. The individual character is told by the associates of the individual: Man was not created to live alone, so his nature prompts him to seek companionship. He lives in and is much influenced by the lives of others as he meets them face to face or knows them through printed matter. This is especially true of the young. The tendency of the age is to seek companionship in books. We are becoming more and more a reading people. Books are cheap and numerous and as the young are being better educated they will and do read. We cannot estimate too highly the value of good books and papers or condemn too severely those whose influence is bad. As Baptists we have the Southern Sunday School Board, Baptist Book Concern and the American Publication Society, that furnish us papers and periodicals for every home and every individual. The Baptist, at Jackson, our state organ, a paper owned and controlled by our great denomination, is no longer a possibility but a reality. Let us give it our hearty and enthusiastic support. We would also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and Orphanage Gem, Western Recorder, of Louisville, Ky., Baptist and Reflector, of Nashville, Tenn., Baptist Standard, of Waco, Texas, and above all your committee would urge a prayerful, regular and systematic study of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. ROBINSON,
D. M. HUFF, Com.

## B—PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on pastoral support respectfully submit the following report: We believe that the impression that prevailed pretty generally in times past that it was proper and even scriptural for pastors to preach the gospel with but little or no compensation, has been almost entirely dissipated. Now and then we find a Baptist brother who still thinks that money paid to a preacher is that much wasted

Of all professions we conceive of none where adequate remuneration is more sacred or obligatory than money which rightly belongs to the gospel minister. When we, through negligence or indifference, withhold our support from our preachers, we greatly impair and handicap their usefulness. No minister is competent to teach or rightly divide the word of God without giving his whole time to the study of the Bible. No lawyer, physician or other professional can consume time with anything else but his avocation unless they suffer. This same undivided and constant attention to ministerial work will also suffer if pastors are compelled to resort to outside duties to secure a livelihood.

While we recognize the fact that Baptist brethren are becoming more educated as to their duties in paying their preachers and do really pay much better than in times past, there is still great room for material improvement. In every Baptist church there are many members who pay not only nothing to their pastors, but nothing to any of the ordinary necessary expenses incident to the proper conduct of church government. To all such delinquents we must say that their conversion to the Christian religion is unquestionably overshadowed with the gravest doubts. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when every professing believer will enter with zeal and determination into bearing their portion of the burdens necessary in the current expenses of every church. It is lamentably true that too few brethren in all our churches have to carry all the burdens, which are of-

ten most onerous. We are not quite ready to say that these delinquent brethren are a fungus growth on our church polity and should be cut off from our fellowship, but we certainly do recommend that all such be held up to the great head of the church in the most fervent and importunate prayer.

We cannot have good preaching and good church management unless our ministers are paid enough to insure a comfortable living and make life enjoyable. Then we earnestly appeal to all our people to henceforth do their duty to pastors and not suffer them cramped and hampered by the frightful visions of poverty and want.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. RATCLIFF,
ARDRY TOLER,
HENRY BALLARD.

## C—MISSIONS.

The mission work of our churches is State, Home and Foreign. Under these three heads the Baptists of the south are seeking to carry out the last command of our Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

State missions is work done in the boundary of our state, in helping destitute places, weak churches, etc. We are doing mission work on our coast, in the delta, and other places where we hope to develop the people and take the country for God. During the past year there has been seventy-three missionaries under the state board—some for part, others for all of their time.

Home missions include the southern states, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and reaches to the Island of Cuba. Our work in Cuba is moving along well since Cuba is free. We note with delight the coming of Dr. Kerfoot to the Home Mission board as secretary.

Foreign missions—It is in this we hope to give the gospel to all the world. A world lost in sin, and God's way of salvation is through the gospel. We are his people, his

church which is to carry the gospel. Mississippi Baptists are asked to raise $8,000. God is blessing our work in the foreign lands. What is our duty when our fellowmen are dying just over the seas, for the gospel—are begging for the gospel—and then God's command, "Go ye and teach all nations," will we heed? We should be glad to know the Lord is blessing our work. 845 were baptized in foreign lands last year. Then there comes the blesisng on the church that gives, and also a blessing on the giver. We would recommend to our churches to take quarterly collections. May the time soon come when Baptists will take hold of this work as never before.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. CULPEPPER,
W. EVERETT,
J. J. TERRELL.

## D—TEMPERANCE.

We are admonished to be temperate in all things, but it is the opinion of your committee that the word temperance does not express the attitude that should characterize us as God's people, when dealing with such a monster as the whiskey traffic. It ought to be Prohibition, Extermination—Why? Because when we consider the seventy thousand victims that go down annually to fill drunkards' graves, and eternal darkness, in this country, it leaves a blot of black blood upon our Christian civilization that no amount of intelligence from the schools and material prosperity can by any means remove, to say nothing about the disease, poverty, ignorance, the blindness, the lunacy, and the crime that is engendered by the inhuman traffic of liquor. Not less than three-fourths of all of this is chargeable to its barter and use.

It is no longer what should be the attitude of Baptists towards this immense evil. Our record has been made, and we stand committed to eternal hostility. In a word, unless we prove recreant to our religious instincts, our traditions, and our steadfast professions, we must not cease

our warfare against it until it has been exterminated from our land. We would urge all our churches to withdraw fellowship from all members who persist continuously any way in aiding and abetting this intolerable evil. We would recommend that this Association memorialize our State Legislature to enact such stringent laws as will enable the moral sentiment of our people to express itself in a legal sense, that they may thus rid our State of this greatest enemy of all modern civilization.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALKER,

L. P. STEWART.

## E.—REPORT ON WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

We are told that there are 700,000 negroes in the state of Mississippi. 135,000 of this number are Baptists. The negroes are naturally favorable to Baptist principles. They are a weak race as to mind and morals. It seems that a wise Providence has given the white people of this continent the care of these, our brethren in black. Therefore, acting on what Paul wrote the Romans, "I am debtor both to the Greek and Barbarian," [and] what our risen Lord said before leaving the world, "Go disciple all nations", believing that the negro is one of the multitude, we, your committee, would humbly and prayerfully recommend the following:

1. That we live godly and righteously before them.
2. That we urge them to do the same.
3. That we help them with good literature and counsel whenever we can.
4. That our preachers preach to them when opportunities present themselves.

J. H. LANE,

C. L. MYERS,

HENRY BALLARD.

## F—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We the committee on Mississippi College beg leave to submit this our report:

For more than half a century Mississippi College has been a potent factor for good in our state. Thousands have gone out from her walls to become eminent in law, influential in politics and prosperous in business; while some of the most prominent Baptist pulpits in our commonwealth are today filled by Mississippi College men. Its influence is not alone confined to our State, but in sister states and in other countries Mississippi College men are taking the lead, and their sterling qualities of heart and head are being felt in the affairs of church and state.

She has never been better manned and better equipped for work than now. With our beloved W. T. Lowrey at the helm, backed by such men as P. H. Eager, J. W. Provine, Charles H Iman Brough and J. M. Sharp, there is no height of prosperity and usefulness to which she might not attain.

It is true that for the past two years she has been a child of misfortune. The dreadful scourge "yellow fever" swept over our state, and Mississippi College, with every other interest, suffered. But amid all the discouragements the Lord has been very gracious, and the College has now more friends than it would have had if these trials had not come. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

For several years there has been a misunderstanding regarding the title to the property of the College, but now we are proud to report that the citizens of Clinton have deeded all claims on property to the Baptists of the state on the condition that as soon as convenient the Baptists of the state will do improvement to the amount of ten thousand dollars worth ($10,000.00.)

As for Christian education, no college in the state stands higher than Mississippi College, and we recommend it to all young men seeking an education. We recommend

also that every church in this Association support the College with their prayers and their money.

J. B. LAWRENCE,
EDGAR GODBOLD,
G. T. DUNN.

## G.—REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance submit the following:

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| Amount received for Associational purposes | $64.95 |
| Amount received for Missions | 20.50 |
| Balance on hand from last year | 7.85 |
| Total | $93.30 |

H. H. RATCLIFF,
E. C. LEA,
J. S. BARRON.

## H.—WOMAN'S WORK.

We mean by Woman's Work, the work that women are doing in their own way in their organizations known as Woman's Aid, and Woman's Missionary Societies. While God has not called women to preach, He has called them to work for Him, and as all work succeeds better when organized, so women have been of great help to our churches in their organized work. Last year women in the states raised $6,556.85. We would recommend the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society in every church where it is possible to have one, and that we encourage them in the work they are doing. Any information desired can be had by writing Mrs. Wm. R. Wood of Meridian, Secretary Woman's Work, for Mississippi. Mrs. J. P. Culpepper, of Gloster, has been appointed vice-president for the Mississippi Association, and would be glad to assist in organizing societies or helping in any way possible. Let us help the women. She has been the strong supporter of Christian work since she stood last at the cross of her dying Lord. She was the helper of Paul—she helping

to carry the gospel to the lost world. May God lay it on their hearts to press on in the work.

Z. LOFTON,
W. K. ANDERSON,
J. P. CULPEPPER.

## I.—REPORT ON PLAN OF WORK.

We, your committee on Plan of Work, would submit the following report:

Recognizing each Baptist church as a separate and independent body of itself, we do not deem it necessary to insist upon any set rules of government, but to realize its practical value for ourselves, we must accord to our churches with what they stand for, somewhat the same place that the temple at Jerusalem occupied in the affections of the Jews.

We believe that the church should require the presence and support of her membership. A great many of our people sit down and do nothing as if the church had been given perpetual motion and would run itself. Pastors should be paid quarterly instead of being paid annually, and sometimes not at all. The Lord's Supper should be observed regularly and a collection for missions be taken. The church should have good business men for deacons, men who will give liberally and cheerfully, and men who will honor God with their services. The pastor should insist upon the regular attendance of the church members. People should be asked to go to church. The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said, let us go unto the house of the Lord."

Every church building should be a symbol of the divine presence beckoning men and women to come out of the world of darkness and night into the brightness of God's glory. God's people should pray for the church work—pray for the prayer meeting, pray for the Sunday school, pray for the pastor, remembering that the prosperity of these will do your friends and companions good, and at the same time honor God in the glorious success of his church.

Then, in sweet communion with each other and with our God, we gain strength for life's conflicts and find our way to our eternal home.

Respectfully submitted,
S. B. ROBINSON,
J. E. LEA,
D. J. TAYLOR.

## J—TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. Hewitt in account with Mississippi Baptist Association:

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| Received from finance committe for Association purposes, | $36.55 | |
| For missions | 15.05 | |
| Foreign missions | 3.00 | |
| Baptist Orphanage | 3.00 | |
| Balance on hand | 18.30 | |
| Total | | —$75.90 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Paid to A. V. Rowe, missions, | 15.05 | |
| Foreign missions | 3.00 | |
| Baptist Orphanage | 3.00 | |
| E. Gardner | 20.00 | |
| D. M. Huff | 27.00 | |
| Total | | —$68.05 |
| Balance on hand | | 7.85 |

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. HEWITT, Treas.

## K—MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We think there is no object before us that needs our attention or help more than the old wornout preachers who have been called to preach the gospel of Christ, and have spent their lives in preaching and doing good to their fellow-men, and bringing souls to Christ, and are now worn out and unable to work. We recommend that the churches take some steps to raise funds for their support

in old age. We suggest that the pastors of each church bring it before their churches, take up a collection for them and do all they can for their aid and support, believing there is no other cause more worthy. We that profess to be Christians, treat God's ministers with less respect than slave-holders did their slaves. They looked after their welfare as long as they lived, but God's old servants are often left to take care of themselves as best they can. The Methodist and other denominations look to the support of their aged ministers and we should do the same.

E. B. McLAIN,
W. Z. LEA.

## L.—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education would respectfully report:

This is a subject of the greatest importance, and it behooves us as Christians and Baptists to impress upon our people the absolute necessity of an educated ministry. Preachers are the leaders in religious thought, and they should be able to think wisely and well. Preachers are teachers and the first requis te of a teacher is that he shall know something to teach. We should not under-estimate the good that uneducated preachers have done in the past or that they may be doing now; but there can be no doubt that if these consecrated men had been educated, the good would have been increased a hundred fold. It seems to be true that the spiritual development of the world is not abreast of the development along other lines. The teachings of some of the modern intellectual giants tend strongly toward skepticism, if not to infidelity. To realize this, one has but to read the writings of Spencer, Huxley, Darwin and others. In this day of schools and colleges the people read more than formerly, and with the wonderfu development of the printing press and the perfection of the mail system has come a great crop of literature, much of which is exceedingly dangerous. Satan shows no sign of

weariness. His resources are unlimited. To successfully cope with the specious arguments which he uses, we need preachers whose minds have been developed, whose reasoning powers have been strengthened, and this can be accomplished only by education. We need strong preachers who are able to give the preachers spiritual food, which, when digested, shall make them strong for Christ. It has been said that the human heart is like a millstone, if you put wheat under it, it grinds the wheat into flour; if you put no wheat it grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds away

In view, then, of the great need of educated preachers, we strongly urge upon associations, churches and members to give liberally to ministerial education. There are doubtless young men in every association who are called to preach and who possess the requisite qualities of head and heart, but who are too poor to go to college. It is our duty to help to educate these young men, remembering that the money we give will be as bread cast upon the waters.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HOOPER, Chairman.

## M—BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage is located at Jackson, Miss. It is intended to be a home for the poor orphans of our state especially. Incorporated some years ago by L. S. Foster, who is the superinteneent of the home, and meets the demands of a long felt necessity. The superintendent has secured for the home 112 acres of land, and two cottages with six rooms each, and about fifty children have been the beneficiaries. Your committee recommends this home to the favorable consideration of your body, and feels that every Baptist in our state may feel proud of this institution, and should give it their prayers and means.

Also the Orphanage Gem should be in every Baptist home, to bring us in touch with the home.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER,
W. H. CAUSEY,
W. T. WOOTEN.

## N—OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries beg leave to make the following report: We find that the Angel of Death has been stalking abroad in our land, and has taken from our midst 23 of our members (as reported in the church letters) since the meeting of this Association. Did I say our members? Nay; but God's children, for they are only gone to Him who, in his allwise providence, has called them to a better abode. And while we mourn their loss we feel that our loss is their gain, therefore we bow in humble submission to His divine will. And while our hearts are yearning in sympathy for those who are thus bereaved, we would point them to the fact that,

There is a land of pure delight
Where saints immortal reign
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. ROLLINS,
C. C. COLE,
R. D. J. SMITH,
T. J. SCOTT, Com.

## O.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, as Baptists, recognize the Bible as the Word of God, as His gift to us as a rule and guide for our faith and actions. Believing that Sunday schools are scriptural, consequently, when wisely conducted, are helpful to our churches. Your committee believes it to be the indispensible duty of all our churches to organize and maintain such schools. Other churches reap great results from faithful efforts in this sphere of Christian work, why not our churches? It only requires honest, spiritual effort, and the blessings of God upon such efforts, to have a good, lively Sunday school in every community. We cannot, however, have a Sunday school unless we give time to the work. With sound literature, sound, faithful, prayerful teachers, a wise pastor, and the Bible the basis of all, no

church or community need despair of success in this line of our Master's work. A Sunday school in every church, and every church member at work in the Sunday school, is the prayerful recommendation of your committee.

RESOLVED, That we heartily approve the action of the State Convention Board in appointing Bro. Arthur Flake, of Winona, as assistant secretary to look after the Sunday school interests of the state, that we pledge him our support, and hereby invite him to hold an institute within the bounds of our Association.

T. J. J. SPURLOCK,
J. J. WALKER.

## P—DISCIPLINE.

The question of discipline is one of great importance to all our churches, and one which, we are persuaded, does not receive that attention and consideration which the Scriptures require. One of the greatest difficulties with which we have to contend is the fear of wounding feelings and giving offense, and thus frequently, members are allowed to go on in gross sins, such as profanity, drunkenness, etc. The command is plain and emphatic to withdraw from those who walk disorderly, and yet, because of this fear we often hold our peace and the cause of Christ suffers. Let our people consider which is the more serious, to grieve the Holy Spirit, or wound the feelings of the offender. Discipline should be exercised in love and with patience; at the same time it should be firm and irrespective. We commend this course to all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
T. C. SCHILLING,
C. P. JONES,
W. E. YOUNG.

## Q—NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report: We recommend New Salem as the place for the next meeting of the Association. We also

recommend W. A. Hewitt to preach the Associational sermon and J. B. Lawrence as alternate.

J. R. BAHAM,
J. Q. JONES.

## R—APPORTIONMENT.

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|---|---|
| Bethel | $ 5.00 |
| Bethlehem | 10.00 |
| Concord | 5.00 |
| Ebenezer | 25.00 |
| Eastfork | 65.00 |
| Galilee | 100.00 |
| Gillsburg | 30.00 |
| Hopewell | 40.00 |
| Hebron | 28.00 |
| Liberty | 25.00 |
| Mars Hill | 50.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 30.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 5.00 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 5.00 |
| New Salem | 5.00 |
| New Hope—Not represented. | |
| New Zion | 5.00 |
| New Providence | 25.00 |
| Ramah | 2.50 |
| Siloam | 5.00 |
| Sarepta—Not represented. | |
| Whitestown | 10.00 |

R. J. STEWART, Chairman.

## DIRECTORY.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS AND P. O. | CLERKS AND P. O. | DAYS OF MEETING. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | J. J. Walker, Eastfork | R.J Smith, Street | 3rd Sabbath |
| Bethlehem | T C. Schilling, Gillsburg | W.E. Lee, Liberty | |
| Concord | E. H. Hanlin. Arm | J.I. Godbold, McCalls Cr. | 4th Sunday and Saturday before |
| Ebenezer | T. Lansdell, Olio | R.D J.Smith, Olio | 1st and 3rd Sundays |
| Eastfork | J. H. Lane, Eastfork | T.S.Cockerham Eastfork | 2nd Sunday and Saturday before |
| Galilee | J.P.Culpepper, Gloster | H.H.Ratcliff, Gloster | Every Sunday |
| Gillsburg | T C.Schilling, Gillsburg | Chas.Hooper, Gillsburg | 1st Sunday |
| Hopewell | E Gardner, Smithdale | H.H.Magee, Ve o | 1st Sunday and day before |
| Hebron | J. J. Walker Eastfork | W.P.Hamilton, Eastfork | 1st Sunday and Saturday before |
| Liberty | T. C.Schilling, Gillsburg | T.J.Webb, Liberty | 4th Sunday and Saturday before |
| Mars Hill | J.B.Lawrence, Smithdale | N.L.Walker, Smithdale | 1st & 3rd Sun. Sat. before 3rd S |
| Mt. Olive | J. L. Price, Norfield | W.E.Young, Smithdale | 4th Sunday and Saturday before |
| Mt. Zion | J. E.Lowe, LittleSprings | M.C.McGehee, Leaton | 2nd Sunday and Saturday before |
| Mt. Pleasant | J. J. Walker, Eastfork | T.J.Wash, O'Neils | 2nd Sunday and Saturday before |
| New Salem | Z. Loftin, Similo | E.L.Smith McCallsCreek | 2nd Sunday and Saturday before |
| New Hope | J. R. Mullins | W.M.Mullens, Veto | 1st Sunday and Saturday before |
| New Providence | E. Gardner, Smithdale | H R Causey, Berwick | 2nd & 4th Sun & Sat before 4th S |
| New Zion | E. Gardner, Smithdale | Z E. Nunnery, Nunnery | 3rd Sunday and Saturday before |
| Ramah | J. E. Wills, Similo | R. J. Terrell, Similo | 1st Sunday and Saturday before |
| Siloam | Z. Loftin, Similo | W. G. Martin, Leaton | 3rd Sunday and Saturday berore |
| Sarepta | | | |
| Whitestown | R. J. Boone, Brookhaven | L. E. Simmons, McComb | 1st Sunday, |

| CHURCHES | Increased by: Baptism | By Letter | Restored | Decrease by: Dismissed | Excluded | Death | Total | No. Minutes | Pastor's Salary | Missions | Relief Fund | Orphanage | Mississippi Col. | Min. Help | S. School | Print Minutes | Othar Purposes | Total |
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| Concord | | | | | | | 115 | 15 | | | | | | | | 1 65 | | 365 00 |
| Ebenezer | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 165 | 30 | 150 | 15 00 | 15 00 | | | 24 05 | | 4 00 | 10 00 | 218 05 |
| Eastfork | | 6 | | 15 | 2 | 5 | 253 | 30 | 200 | 14 00 | | 10 00 | | | 2 50 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 234 50 |
| *Galilee | | 2 | | 4 | | | 205 | 25 | 800 | 53 00 | 9 00 | 66 70 | 139 0 | | | 3 50 | 48 15 | 1549 85 |
| Gillsburg | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 93 | 30 | 200 | 35 85 | | | | 24 00 | | 4 00 | 51 95 | 315 80 |
| Hopewell | 8 | | | 1 | | | 76 | 20 | 100 | 23 85 | | | | | | 2 50 | 55 00 | 181 35 |
| Hebron | 12 | 1 | | | 1 | | 68 | 15 | 75 | 28 30 | | | | 15 00 | | 2 00 | 1 00 | 122 30 |
| Liberty | 16 | | | 6 | | 1 | 130 | 20 | 200 | 19 55 | | | | 26 35 | | 3 00 | 18 30 | 267 20 |
| Mars Hill | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | 4 | 260 | 50 | 350 | 37 42 | 2 75 | | 6 00 | 23 30 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 15 00 | 439 87 |
| Mt. Olive | | | | 5 | | 1 | 65 | 25 | 120 | 16 85 | | | 11 00 | | | 3 75 | | 468 55 |
| Mt. Zion | 2 | 1 | | 6 | | 1 | 160 | 12 | 150 | 15 35 | | | | 10 00 | | 1 50 | 2 50 | 179 35 |
| Mt. Pleasant | | | | | 2 | | 50 | 12 | 60 | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 61 50 |
| New Salem | | | | | | | 61 | 10 | | 3 10 | | | | | | 90 | | 4 00 |
| New Hope | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 62 | 20 | | 2 50 | | | | | | 2 50 | | 5 00 |
| New Providence | 2 | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 111 | 30 | 250 | 15 00 | | | 15 00 | | | 4 50 | | 269 50 |
| New Zion | | | | 3 | | | | 12 | 50 | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 51 50 |
| Ramah | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 10 | 3 | 94 | 10 | | 3 65 | | | | | | 1 50 | | 5 15 |
| Siloam | 20 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | 132 | 20 | | | | | | | | 2 30 | | 2 30 |
| Sarepta | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitestown | 8 | 10 | | | 3 | 1 | 62 | 20 | 150 | | | | | | | 3 00 | | 153 00 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | $5,504.97 |

Woman's Missionary Sobiety, Galilee, Contributed $129.00 to Mississippi College.

Ladies' Aid Society, Gillsburg, contributed $49.95 for various objects.

# ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.,
## OF THE
# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam; in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified, and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith,

and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state, and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

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## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Lawgiver—the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural made, and that believers are the only proper snbjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion and to give themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives or hold doctrines contrary to the Scripture.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken up by the Association except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the Association, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association and all the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association elected, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association, shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations, only as respect form.

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## POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence when con-

venient, with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to enquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the Ministry as associates, but not to give the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union, which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their own consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

MINUTES

OF THE

# GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

# Mississippi Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

*GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH, GLOSTER, MISS.*

**April 29 and 30, 1899.**

# PROCEEDINGS.

The General S. S. Convention of the Mississippi Association met with Galilee church, Gloster, April 29, 1899, and held a session of two days. After devotional exercises an address of welcome was delivered to the Convention by Bro. Jud Bolls, which was responded to by Bro. E. M. Toler, of New Providence.

Sunday Schools were represented and delegates seated as follows:

Galilee—J. P. Culpepper, H. H. Ratcliff, B. E. Jacobs, Mrs. D. M. Butler, Mrs. Julia Ratcliff, and Mrs. Elue Jenkins.

Liberty—S. B. Robinson, G. F. Webb, J. D. Lea, W. H. Causey.

New Providence—W. I. Causey, E. M. Toler, Misses Gertie Toler, Maud Hoff and Addie Day.

Mt. Olive—Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bolls.

Hebron—M. H. Martin, W. P. Hamilton, Miss Maggie Hamilton.

Bethlehem—D. C. Felder.

Eastfork—W. H. Bates, E. A. Bates.

Hominy Creek—T. J. J. Spurlock, J. F. Holmes.

Ebenezer—Dr. W. B. Kinabrew, Misses Rochie Kinabrew and Ermer Smith.

Gillsburg—T. C. Schilling, L. E. Schilling.

The Convention proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of M. H. Martin, president, and S. B. Robinson, clerk.

The program was taken up according to previous arrangement. Bro. E. A. Bates read quite a good essay

on the "Importance of S. S. Work." It was discussed by H. H. Ratcliff. On motion adjourned to 1:30 p. m. A sumptuous dinner was spread on the church grounds, which was partaken of by delegates and visitors.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Exercises resumed as follows: In the absence of E. W. Roark, of Ebenezer Sunday School, his essay was read by Bro.————. Subject, "Necessary qualifications of a successful S. S. Superintendent." Discussed by J. J. Walker. Among other interesting points made by the latter was this: "Some superintendents are as slow as molasses in the winter time."

Essay by Bro. P. R. Bolls, subject: "In what way is the Sunday School beneficial to the church?" Discussed by Dr. W. B. Kinabrew, in his own inimitable way.

Essay by Rev. J. E. Lowe, subject: "Meaning of Heathen. What do we owe them and what relation do we sustain to them?"

On motion a committee, consisting of J. J. Walker, J. D. Lea and E. M. Toler, was appointed to report on place of next meeting of this Convention, and also to advise as to how often the Convention should meet. Adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m., at which hour Rev. T. J. Bailey, of Jackson, Miss., business manager for the Baptist, preached a helpful sermon on the work of the ministry, taking as a text, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

SUNDAY, MORNING SESSION.

Committee on time and place of next meeting reported, recommending that the Convention meet semi-annually, on the 2nd and 4th fifth Sundays in the year. The report was amended, so that the Convention shall meet annually, on the 2nd fifth Sunday and Saturday before in each year.

By motion and second, a vote of thanks was extended Galilee church and citizens for generous hospitality extended the Convention, and especially to the choir for the inspiring music furnished for the occasion.

By motion, R. J. Stewart, Dr. W. B. Kinabrew and T.